

**MINUTES  
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND  
EDINA ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT CITYHALL  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
5:40 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Members of the Energy & Environment Commission attending the meeting included: Bob Gubrud, John Heer, Keith Kostuch, Chair Dianne Plunkett Latham, Germana Paterlini, Julie Risser, Bill Sierks, Paul Thompson and Sarah Zarrin.

Staff attending the meeting: Sherry Engelman,, Sanitarian; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Mike Nibbe, Lieutenant Investigations, Jesse Struve, Utility Engineer and Solvei Wilmot, Environmental Health Specialist and Recycling Coordinator.

Mayor Hovland explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of mutual concern.

***RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CONTRACT RFP***

Chair Latham presented the draft RFP for the City's Residential Recycling Contract. The discussion included the pros and cons of single vs. dual sort, frequency of pick-up and RFP evaluation criteria. Following a discussion of the Commissioners and the Council the Commission was directed to allow the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group to finish its work, after which City staff will draft the RFP allowing time for the Commission to review and comment before advancing the RFP to the City Council, which will have the final review and approval of the RFP.

***ORGANIZED HAULING***

The Commission reported the results of the League of Women Voters of Edina's study relative to Organized Hauling of refuse. Discussion included the League's study, potential municipal outcomes and the statutory process to be followed if the Council were to decide to pursue that option. Council suggested the topic be considered in the ECC's 2013 Work Plan if possible.

### ***CITY PARK RECYCLING BINS TASK FORCE UPDATE***

Chair Latham presented an update of the City Park Recycling Bin Task Force. She briefly described a "Recycling Bin Sponsorship Program". Manager Neal asked that this be held pending review by the City Attorney. The Council indicated this should be placed on a future agenda for review after the Park and Recreation Working Group has an opportunity to complete their donations/sponsorship policy.

### ***TURF MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT***

Commissioner Paterlini reported that the Park Board was organizing a pilot project to be completed in 2013 and she asked that further action in this area be held until the pilot has taken place.

### ***PURCHASING POLICY REVIEWED***

Commissioner Kostuch reviewed the Environmental Purchasing Policy. Discussion of the policy included the implications on the city's enterprises that currently sell bottled water. Various options were reviewed. After further analysis, the policy will be brought forward for Council's consideration.

### ***NO IDLING SIGNAGE REPORT***

Commissioner Risser reported that two areas have been identified for placement of "No Idling" signs, at Creek Valley School and Concord School. Ms. Risser described the areas at each school where it was recommended the signs be placed. She also outlined possible educational efforts that will be employed to train people to turn off their vehicles. Council directed the proposed signs be advanced to the Traffic Safety Committee.

### ***2012 AND 2013 WORK PLAN***

Chair Latham outlined briefly the projects to be undertaken by the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group, the Urban Forest Task Force, the Energy Working Group, the Water Quality Working Group, the Air Quality Working Group and the Education and Outreach Working Group. She concluded, stating that all would be involved in assuring the website stayed current. The Council noted that staff would survey the proposed work plan and report on staff capacity to assist with the various topics.

The Council thanked the Commission for their work.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangan,

City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, March 6, 2012.

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James B. Hovland,

Mayor